



## SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 13, 2025  
TELECONFERENCE CALL

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Dave Bigelow (Commissioner); Rosemary Voulelikas (Deputy Commissioner); Helen Alex (Treasurer); Bridget Hopkinson (Director); Brian McDonough (Member Services); Rob Foster (Statistician); Nick Silver (Director); and Byron Williams (Director).

### **MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT**

| Present | Abs | Total<br># Abs | Total<br>Consec<br>Abs | Club                    | Present | Abs | Total<br># Abs | Total<br>Consec<br>Abs | Club                    |
|---------|-----|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| X       |     |                |                        | Aliso Viejo Avalanche   | X       |     |                |                        | Lakewood Ice Dogs       |
| X       |     |                |                        | Anaheim Jr. Ducks       | X       |     |                |                        | Los Angeles Jr. Kings   |
| X       |     |                |                        | Bakersfield Jr. Condors | X       |     |                |                        | Mammoth Lakes           |
| X       |     |                |                        | Bay Harbor Red Wings    | X       |     |                |                        | Mavericks Hockey Club   |
| X       |     |                |                        | California Bears        | X       |     |                |                        | OC Hockey Club          |
| X       |     |                |                        | California Gold Rush    | X       |     |                |                        | Pasadena Maple Leafs    |
|         | X   | 1              |                        | California Heat         | X       |     |                |                        | San Diego Ice Arena     |
| X       |     |                |                        | California Surf         | X       |     |                |                        | San Diego Jr. Gulls     |
| X       |     |                |                        | California Wave         | X       |     |                |                        | San Diego Saints        |
| X       |     |                |                        | Coachella Valley        | X       |     |                |                        | Santa Barbara Ice Hawks |
| X       |     |                |                        | Empire Hockey Club      | X       |     |                |                        | Santa Clarita Flyers    |
|         | X   | 1              |                        | Jr. Reign Hockey Club   | X       |     |                |                        | Ventura Mariners/Titans |

Dave Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Dave Bigelow confirmed that there are twenty-four presidents in attendance on the conference call therefore a quorum present.

### **Guests**

Louis Magnifico      LAHOA President

### **Minutes**

Art Trottier motioned to approve June 11, 2025; minutes as presented. Joel Henderson seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

### **LAHOA Report**

Louis Magnifico stated that LAHOA completed twelve (12) Referee Seminars and certified 610 officials. However, not all the officials certified were from LAHOA. USA Hockey's referee seminars are all online and open to all across the country. LAHOA has been conducting seminars about two per week.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dave Bigelow shared the P & L financial documents with the presidents for the period ending June 30, 2025. The net income shows a loss of about \$7,000. Dave Bigelow asked the president to consider capping the SCAHA Financial Assistance Program to \$55,000 in lieu of 50% of the previous season's total player fees. Chris Holloway motioned to approve capping the financial assistance program to \$55,000 and Frank Aversa seconds it. (motion **PASSED**)

### **Commissioner's & Ice Convenor Report**

Dave Bigelow reminded the Saints to resubmit their ice in the spreadsheet that was provided.

There are about 16-17 12UAA teams in the division and everyone will play each other once. There are nine (9) teams in the 18UAA division. And the teams will play each other twice. Question – since the NorCal teams play each other once, do we have the first game count or the second game count or vice versa. Trevor Wada will form a group chat with the other 18UAA Head Coaches and report back the decision by Friday, August 15, 2025.

There are six (6) teams in the 14UB division and about seven teams in the 14UBB division. Discussion followed regarding how to schedule the two divisions. Consensus is to keep it in two divisions.

Dave Bigelow gave a summary of the CAHA Annual Meeting. The CAHA meeting was uneventful and dealt mostly with setting the 2025-26 CAHA Calendar. Six SCAHA candidates were elected to the CAHA Board as directors. We have eleven (11) elected CAHA Directors and one (1) appointed for a total of twelve directors.

Dave reminded the presidents to submit their teams' bye weekends tonight. Bridget Hopkinson will send out the SCAHA Bye Weekend link. Dave added that the 14U & 16U AA teams were relatively ranked, and the first cross-over weekend will be in November.

Dave Bigelow reminded the presidents that they are not to host tournaments during SCAHA regular season weekends as indicated on the SCAHA calendar with an "x" marked. Mammoth is hosting a tournament during December 6-7, 2025, weekend. 8U teams do not have a bye weekend since they play every other weekend.

Dave informed the presidents that we currently have twenty-one teams in the 10UB division. Please let Dave know if your team will be declaring 10UB Flight II. This division does not advance to the CAHA State Championships because NorCal does not have a 10UB Flight II division.

Nick Silver informed the board that after the first round of jamborees, teams will be reviewed for possible placement in the 8UC Gretzky division.

### **Deputy Commissioner's Report**

Rosemary Voulelikas reminded the presidents that the deadline for families needing financial assistance to submit their applications is October 15, 2025. The application is available on the website and has been posted since July 11, 2025. Additionally, the monies awarded belong to the awardees to go towards their club dues. If there is a zero balance on the club dues, then the money is to go toward the player's team assessments. If at the end of the season there is an amount remaining, then the clubs need to issue the money to the families. Clubs are not allowed to hold the money for upcoming new seasons down payments. Discussion followed. The question asked was "what is the maximum income amount that would determine whether a family gets financial assistance or not." Rosemary answered that it depends on the applications received and that the families with the most need are considered first. The monetary value of awards also depends on the team division and level.

Rosemary Voulelikas thanked the Rules Committee members, which was comprised of the Executive Members. The document titled "2025 SCAHA Proposed Rule Changes\_070525," was emailed to the presidents. The following rule change proposals were submitted for ratification.

## SCAHA Rules and Regulations

### SECTION 17 - GENERAL

**Rule 17.06** Proposed to read as follows: "By ~~April 15~~, **April 1** clubs must notify all parents/players in writing of any club delinquency. Such written notice must be sent by mail or e-mail and contain a detailed summary of the total amounts owed, paid, and the remaining balance owed. By April 15, clubs must submit a list of players to the League who are financially delinquent. These players..." Tony Witt motioned to approve the proposed rule changes in Section 17 as presented and Chris Holloway seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

### SECTION 18 - TRYOUTS

**18.01** Proposed rule change to mirror CAHA Rule and to read as follows:

*"Players will be eligible for tryouts if they have met their financial and/or equipment obligations. Tryouts shall begin as follows: (refer to CAHA Rule 6.19)*

- a) *Tier I tryouts (youth and girls) are permitted to begin the **third weekend after the completion of Nationals.***
- b) *Tier II tryouts (youth and girls, including girls 8U and 10U) are permitted to begin the **first** Friday in June.*
- c) *A & B tryouts (youth) are permitted to begin the **second** Friday of June."*

Frank Aversa motioned to approve the amended proposed rule change provided the rule mirrors the CAHA Rule. Byron Williams seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

### SECTION 19 – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS

**19.05** "Out of state play for 8U players is limited to Arizona, **Idaho**, Nevada, **Oregon**, and Utah only. Refer to CAHA Rule 10.2-3." Frank Aversa motioned to approve the proposed rule change as presented. Byron Williams seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

### SECTION 21 – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEAMS

**21.02** "All teams must have a head coach and team manager rostered (refer to CAHA Rule 2.2). Each team shall be entitled to register 20 active players. In order to compete in the SCAHA regular season, 10U and 12U teams must have 10 players; 14U, 16U and 18U teams must have 12 players. ~~(Refer to CAHA Guidebook for Tier teams.)~~ **Youth Tier I rosters 15O and above and Girls Tier I rosters 16U and above are entitled to roster up to 22 active players.**" Frank Aversa motioned to approve the proposed rule change as presented. Byron Williams seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

## SECTION 22 - DECLARATIONS

- 22.01** *"In order to be included in the SCAHA schedule, team declarations and game slots must be submitted electronically by the date specified by the SCAHA Executive Committee. Clubs that do not submit game slots that meet the criteria of Rule 27.03 by the date specified must pay a fine of \$500 each day until the required game slots are submitted. If the games slots are not submitted within three (3) days of the specified deadline, the club will not be placed in the schedule. Furthermore, clubs submitting fictitious place holder game slots may be subject to disciplinary action resulting in fines of \$500 per each fictitious slot, and/or sanctions."* Prescott Littlefield motioned to amend the proposed rule change and Rick Hutchinson seconds it. Discussion followed. Tabled for next SCAHA Borad meeting.

## SECTION 27 – SCAHA GAMES

- 27.16** Housekeeping changes only; spelling correction *"It is the responsibleity of the..."*

- 27.19** *"Before each game, all rostered coaches who are present are required to sign the scoresheet and provide their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) number as well as level and date of expiration. In the event a non-rostered coach(es) who participates and/or signs a scoresheet, the Head Coach shall be suspended for one (1) game per offense, along with Head Coach, with additional fines or sanctions to the coach or club as deemed appropriate by the League. Exceptions to this rule will be made at the sole discretion of the League and only when prior approval has been granted."*

Nathan Nielson motioned to approve the proposed rule changes in Section 27 as presented and Paul Habib seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

## SECTION 33 – POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY

- 33.01** A team must play an overall minimum number of games, including League play, of ~~20~~ 14 games. (CAHA Rule 10.2)
- 33.02** Individual players must play a minimum of ~~ten (10)~~ seven (7) games with their team, ~~six (6)~~ four (4) of which must be SCAHA League games. Tournament roster games (rosters that include a temporary player) do not count towards minimum game requirements.

Prescott Littlefield motions to approve the proposed rule changes in Section 33 as presented and Nathan Nielson seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

## SECTION 35 – ACCOUNTABILITY, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION & EXPULSION

- 35.19** Use of tobacco in any form on the game bench or locker room is specifically prohibited. The first offense will result in a one game suspension. The second offense will result in a ~~match penalty~~ **thirty (30) day suspension**.
- 35.22** Coaches, parents or players serving a Match Penalty are prohibited from participating in any USA Hockey related activity or **serving** any other league-imposed suspensions may not be in attendance of any team or club related activities.
- 35.23** There shall be no discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, gender, religion or national origin in any event or program conducted under the auspices of the Southern California Amateur Hockey Association. Alleged violations of this policy are to be immediately brought to the attention of the Commissioner by any member of SCAHA or Member Club. The Executive Committee or Discipline Committee shall review any alleged violations. It should be noted that age and gender would continue to be a factor in determining League programs and policies. In accordance with USA Hockey Rules, any use of racial, religious, ethnic or gender slurs is an automatic ~~Game Misconduct~~ **Match Penalty** with a 30-day suspension pending a hearing.

Prescott Littlefield motions to approve the proposed rule changes in Section 35 as presented and Chris Holloway seconds. (motion **PASSED**)

### **Statistician Report**

Rob Foster informed the presidents that there is a managers' meeting towards the end of August. Right now, he is working with families to fix their LOI's.

### **New Business**

Rob reported on the CAHA 10U Half Ice event held in San Jose in August. Most coaches liked the event with a 60-40% approval rating. Rob stated that he will connect with Dave Bigelow to host one weekend in season, December 13-14-15 in SoCal. Discussion followed. Some of the questions that arose, were if the presidents voted this and if the format would be like the 8U division. If like the 8U division, do we create two teams from the 10U teams that usually have 12-15 players?

### **Member Services**

Brian McDonough stated nothing new to report. He has been working on the LOI's.

### **8U Director Report**

Nick Silver reported that the 8UB2 division will be finalized ahead of the release of the 8U schedule.

### **Director of Managers**

Bridget Hopkinson reported that the managers' meeting will be held on August 27, 2025, via the Zoom platform.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2025, by teleconferencing.